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Vice Admiral B. L. Austin, U. S. Navy
President, Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Austin:

This note is to thank you for sending me the brief on the National Strategy Study and to accept your kind invitation to lunch with you on the 25th of November. I am looking forward to my visit with you and this year's Naval War College class with a great deal of pleasure. I trust that the international situation will not be quite as tense as it was last year and that we can discuss Soviet science and technology at a more leisurely pace.

To date, my travel plans are not firm but, tentatively, I hope to fly up in our Aero Commander on the 25th using the air park in Newport. I would depart immediately following the afternoon session.

This year I hope to make a minor change in the way of presentation. While my primary emphasis will be on Soviet scientific achievements and on appraisal of research and development as they relate to weapons systems, I plan on covering several technical methods of intelligence collection that have contributed to our knowledge. In this way, I hope to demonstrate to the class how we gather information, how it is used in estimating Soviet research and development, and the related reliability of our final intelligence product, the National Intelligence Estimate. The result will be a lecture with less detail on specific Soviet achievements, but one in which the students may gain a

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better understanding of why the intelligence community says what it does about key Soviet military research and development.

I will need a viewgraph (overhead) projector and possibly a 35 mm. projector and a 3" x 4' glass slide projector. The presentation will be TOP SECRET NOFORN. As you suggest, I will call Commander Carver on any other logistic matters that may arise.

I am looking forward to seeing you again, and if there is any additional information you need please contact me. My number is [redacted]

Respectfully,

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